

I support satellite radio and all of the services which it provides, including news and information, and entertainment. Satellite radio provides these services in many areas where they are not available, or not available in a sufficient number and diversity to provide for a truly competitive environment. By way of example, it is not possible in Jacksonville, a city of this size, to receive regular broadcasts of pop standards (Sinatra, etc), 50's rock and roll, or Broadway music. Old-time radio drama is non-existent on our broadcast dial.

In our city, more and more broadcast stations are owned by fewer and fewer companies, with little real competition. Now that there is some competition in the form of satellite radio, the only response of the broadcasters is to attempt to stifle that competition, rather than improve their own product and services.

It is ironic how businessmen like these broadcasters like to tout "free enterprise", and "free markets", until an entity like satellite radio effectively fills the voids and gaps in the market. Then, these "businessmen" suddenly crave the government regulation of their would-be competitors, which they themselves normally disdain.